

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview of 11/9/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 5/20/04 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 11092004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Fauste Batista on 12/1/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, page 1, line 7, "hers" has been changed to ~~her~~;

page 2, line 6, "Six" has been changed to ~~six~~,

page 2, line 9, "Sheath" has been changed to ~~sheath~~,

page 2, line 12, "bend" has been changed to ~~bent~~;

page 3; line 1, "Nut" has been changed to ~~nut~~.

Claim 1 has been cancelled and replaced with the following claim 2.

Claim 2.

A key holder and key storage bag, comprising:

a bag comprised of fabric and having an open top portion with a periphery, a rigid plastic frame attached to the top periphery and comprising six grooves disposed around the periphery of the frame;

three detachable rigid plastic cover member key holders each comprising two flexible plastic tabs extending therefrom and disposed opposite each other on a

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periphery thereof to mount to the top frame by interlocking with the grooves correspondingly disposed on the periphery of the bag top frame, such that when all three covers are mounted to the top frame, the open top portion of the bag is covered by the three adjacently mounted cover members;

each cover member further comprising a rod member extending from a bottom surface of the cover to receive hanging keys and a nut mounted to the end of the rod to secure the keys thereon;

wherein keys may be secured to each cover member and stored within the bag by interlocking the cover member flexible tabs with the bag frame grooves to mount the cover to the bag and, wherein the keys may be accessed by bending the flexible tabs out of interlocking engagement with the grooves to release the cover member key holder and utilize the keys.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach a fabric bag with a rigid top frame to interlockingly receive plastic rigid cover member key holders as claimed. Accordingly, claim 2 is allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne Dino Barrett whose telephone number is 703-308-0825. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Will can be reached on 703-308-3870. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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